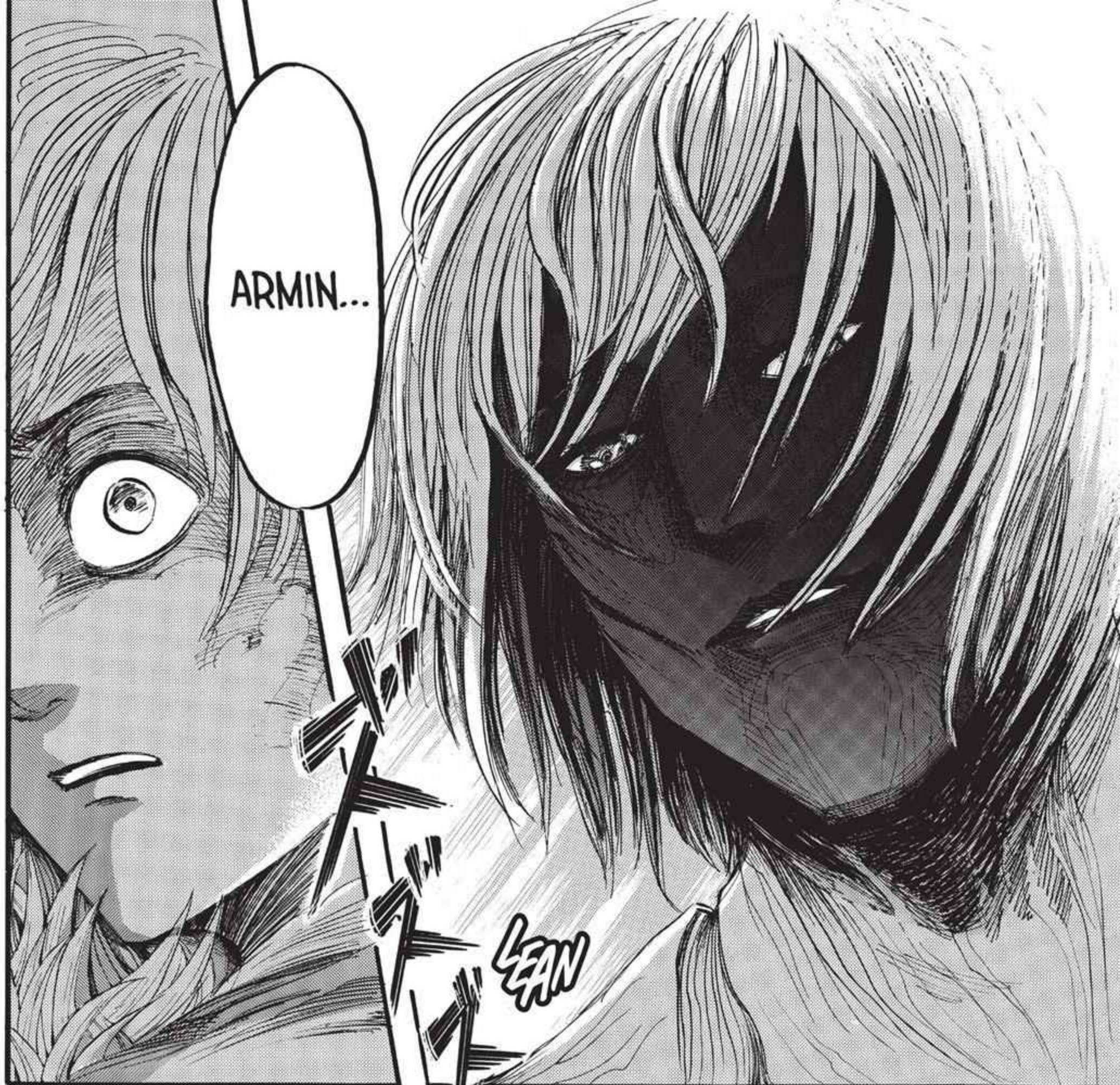




LEAN







IT SEEMS
LIKE ONE
OF US HAS
TO STAY
BEHIND...



...



WELL,
WE'VE GOT
A TOUGH
CHOICE TO
MAKE...

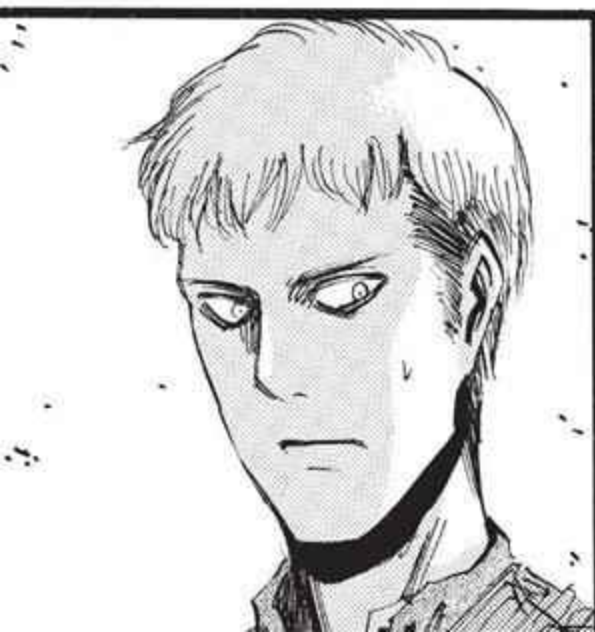
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SEE...

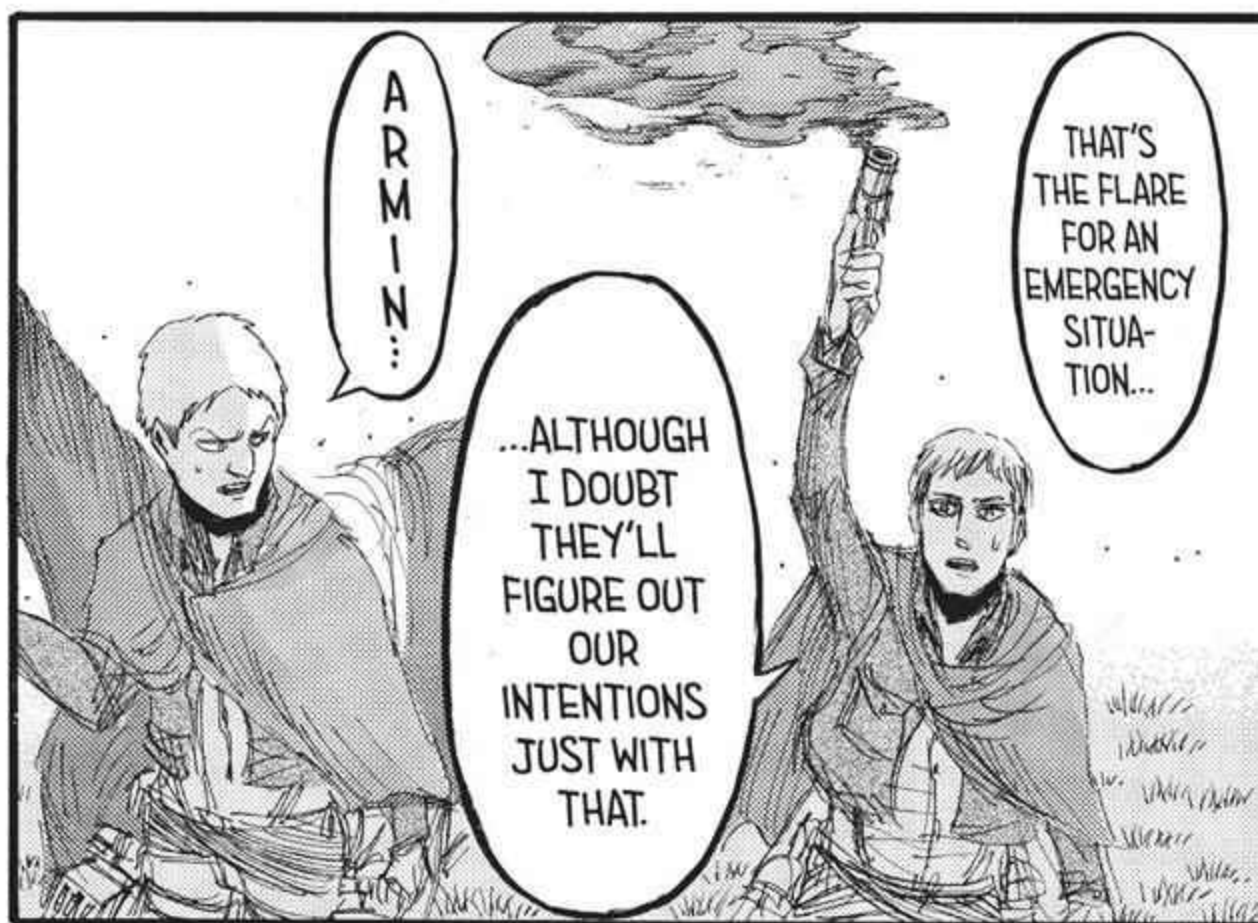


IF THE
FORMATION IS STILL
MOVING STRAIGHT ON,
THE THIRD SQUAD OF
THE FOURTH COLUMN
SHOULD BE IN THE
VICINITY.

WAIT...

BEFORE
WE DECIDE
ON THAT,
LET'S TRY
FIRING OFF
A FLARE.

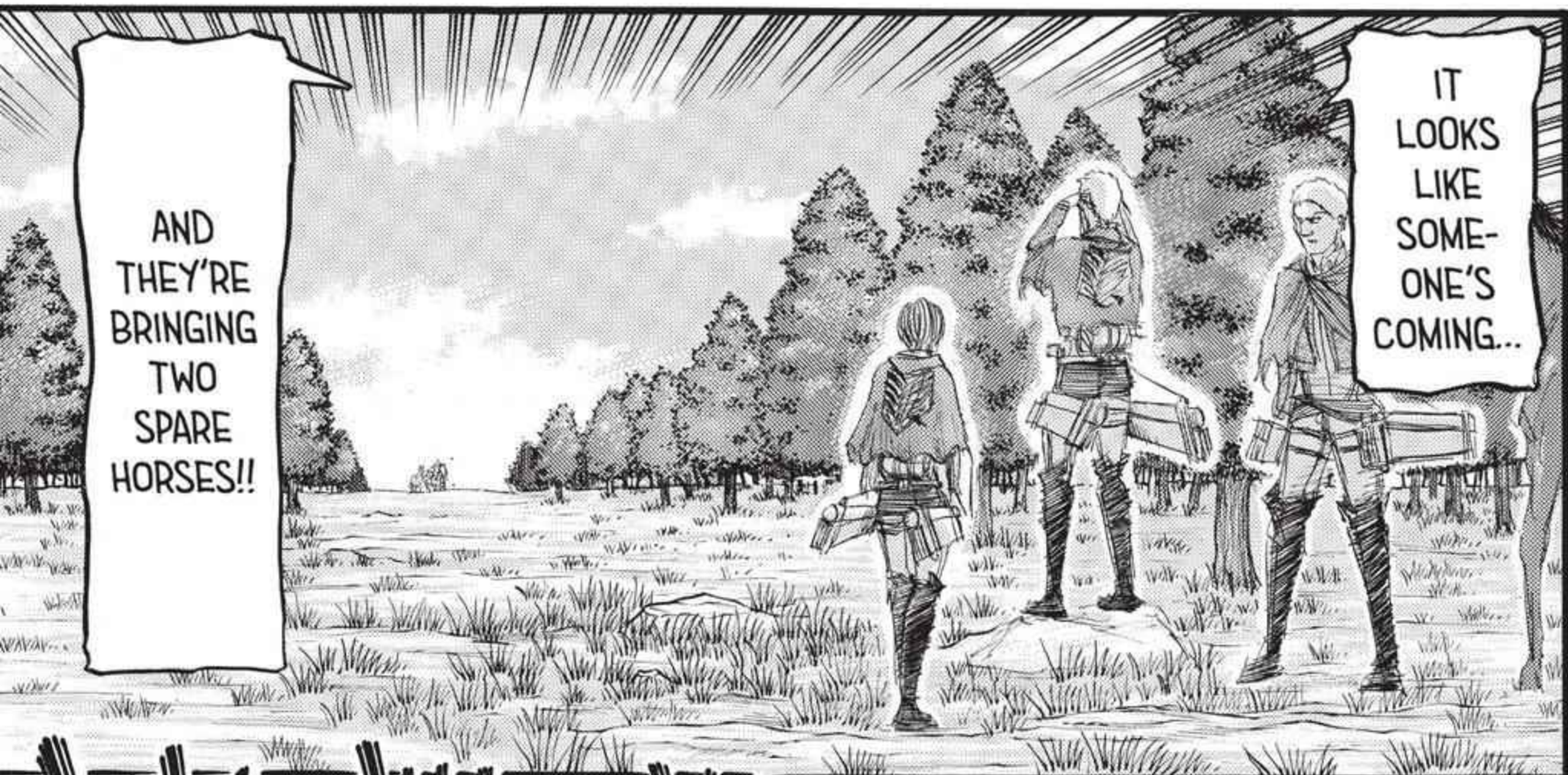






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HOLD ON,
ARMIN. YOU
CAN TELL HIM
YOURSELF.



AND
THEY'RE
BRINGING
TWO
SPARE
HORSES!!

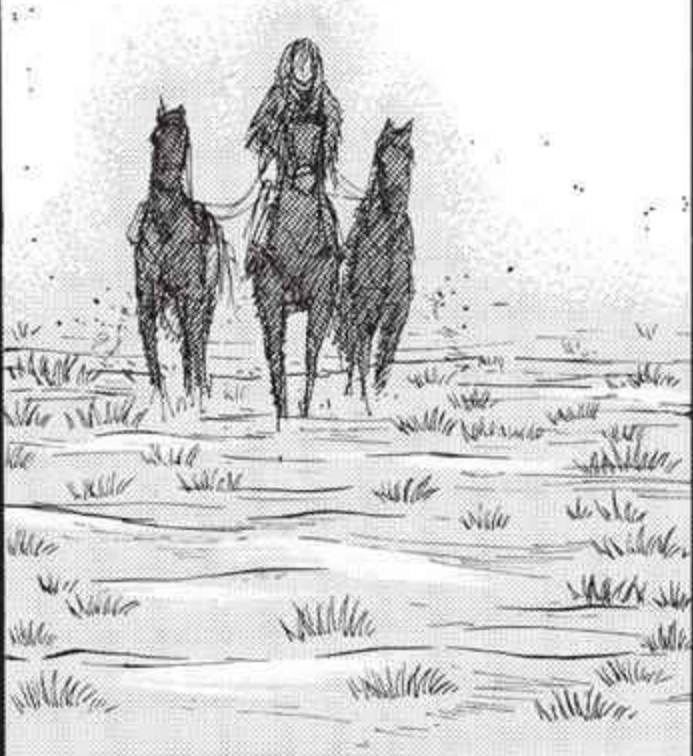
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LOOKS
LIKE
SOME-
ONE'S
COMING...

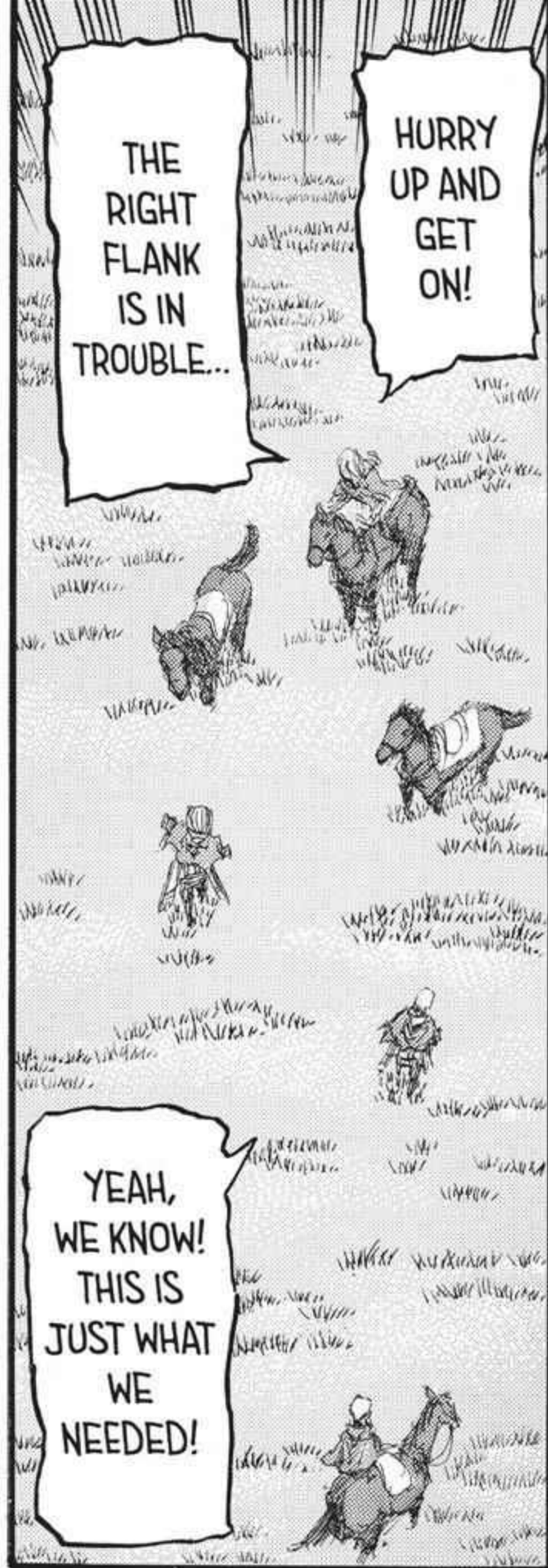


CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
CLOP CLOP CLOP

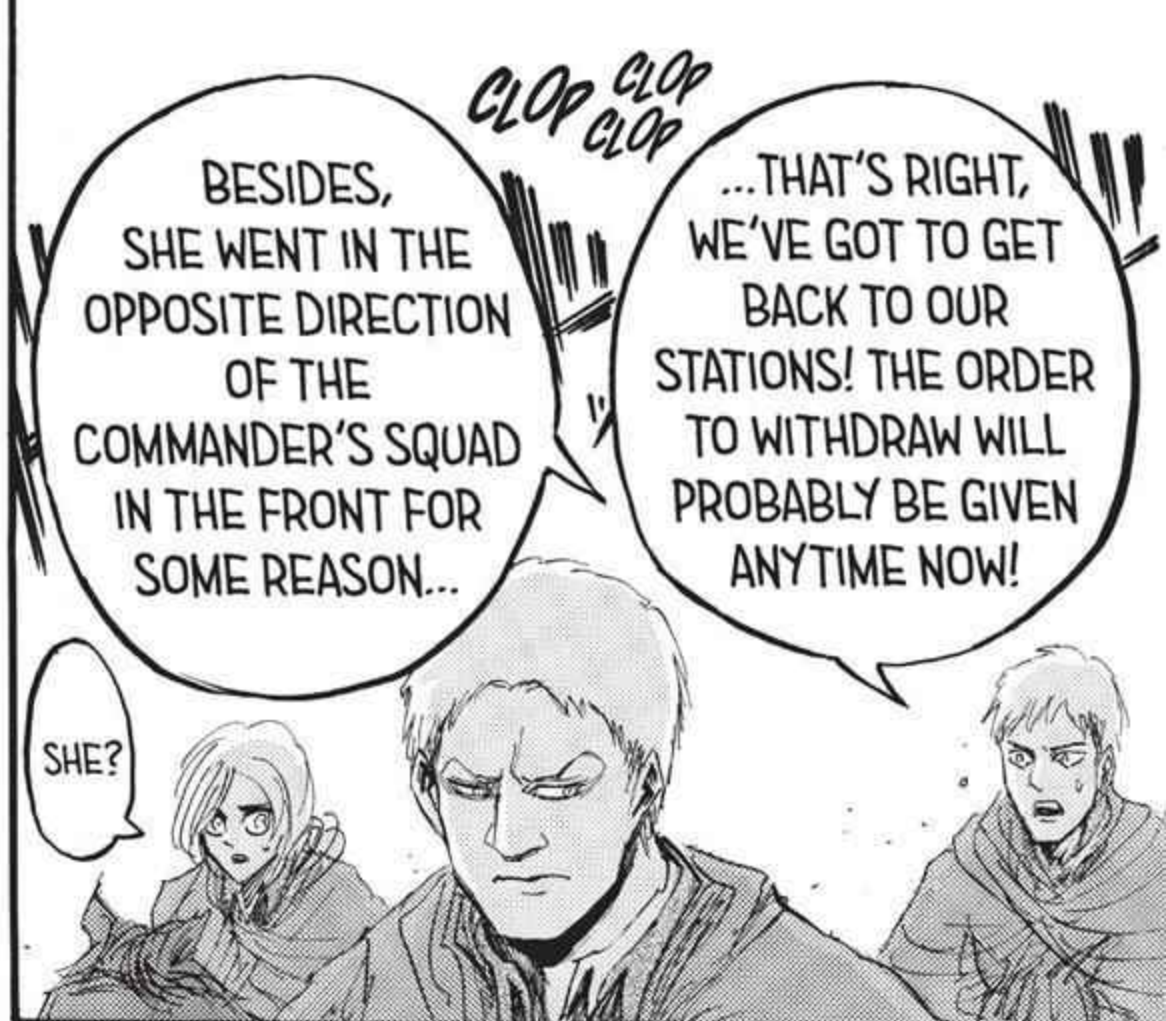
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THAT'S...









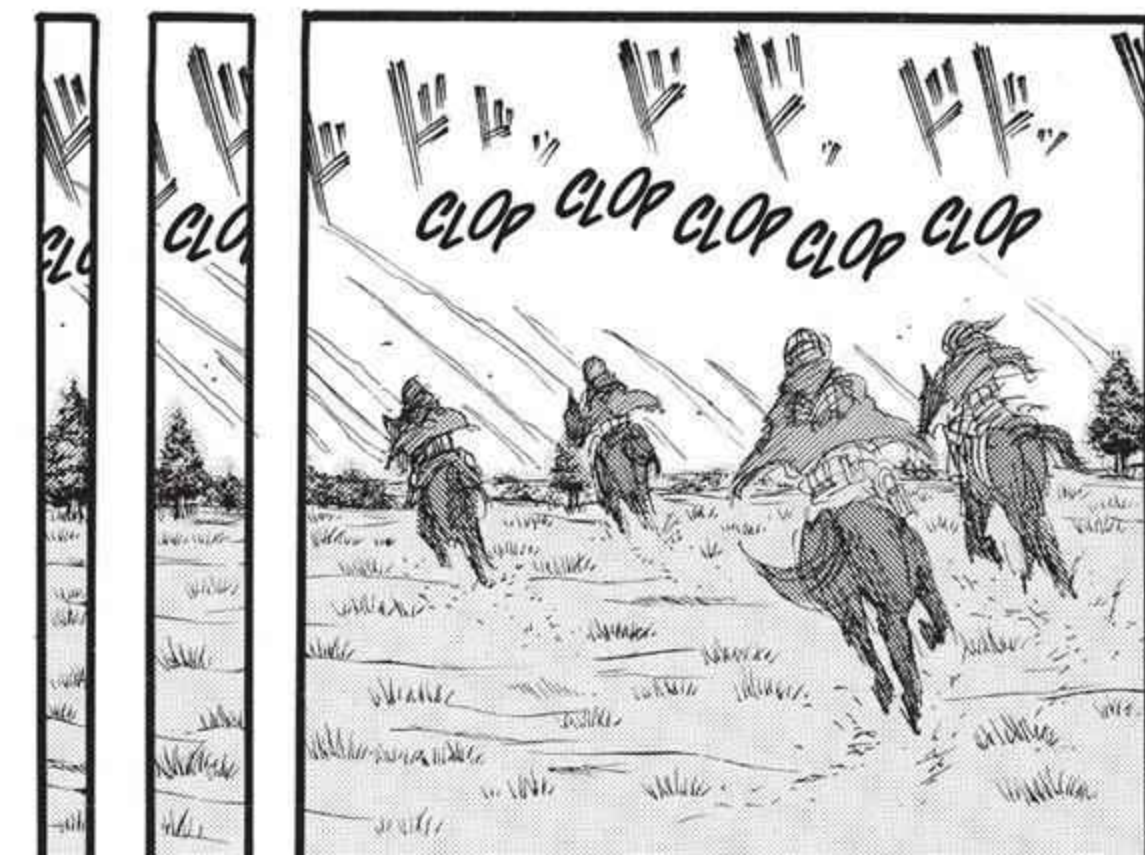


EVEN
IF THEY DON'T
KNOW, IT'S
OBVIOUS WHAT
WE HAVE TO
DO IN THIS
SITUATION.



...BUT DON'T
TELL ME THE
COMMANDER'S
SQUAD HASN'T
SEEN THE
FLARES?

ALL
SOLDIERS
SUPPOSEDLY
HAVE THE RIGHT
TO DECIDE
WHETHER
CONTINUING THE
MISSION IS
IMPOSSIBLE...



FOLLOW
ORDERS.

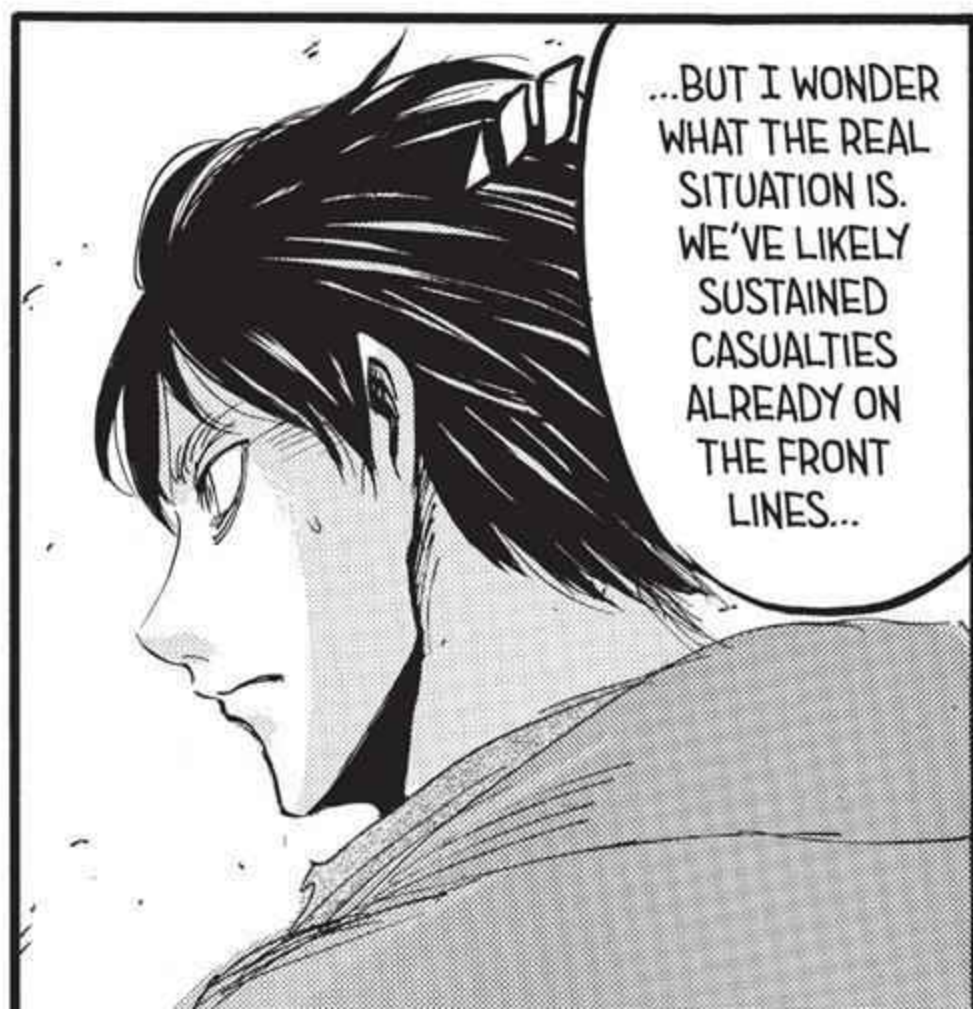


EVEN THOUGH
WE'RE OUTSIDE
THE WALL, THERE
ARE NO SIGNS OF
ANY TITANS... IS
IT BECAUSE WE'RE
IN THE SAFEST
POSITION IN THE
WHOLE
FORMATION?



YES,
SIR!

OLUO,
YOU
FIRE.



...BUT I WONDER
WHAT THE REAL
SITUATION IS.
WE'VE LIKELY
SUSTAINED
CASUALTIES
ALREADY ON
THE FRONT
LINES...

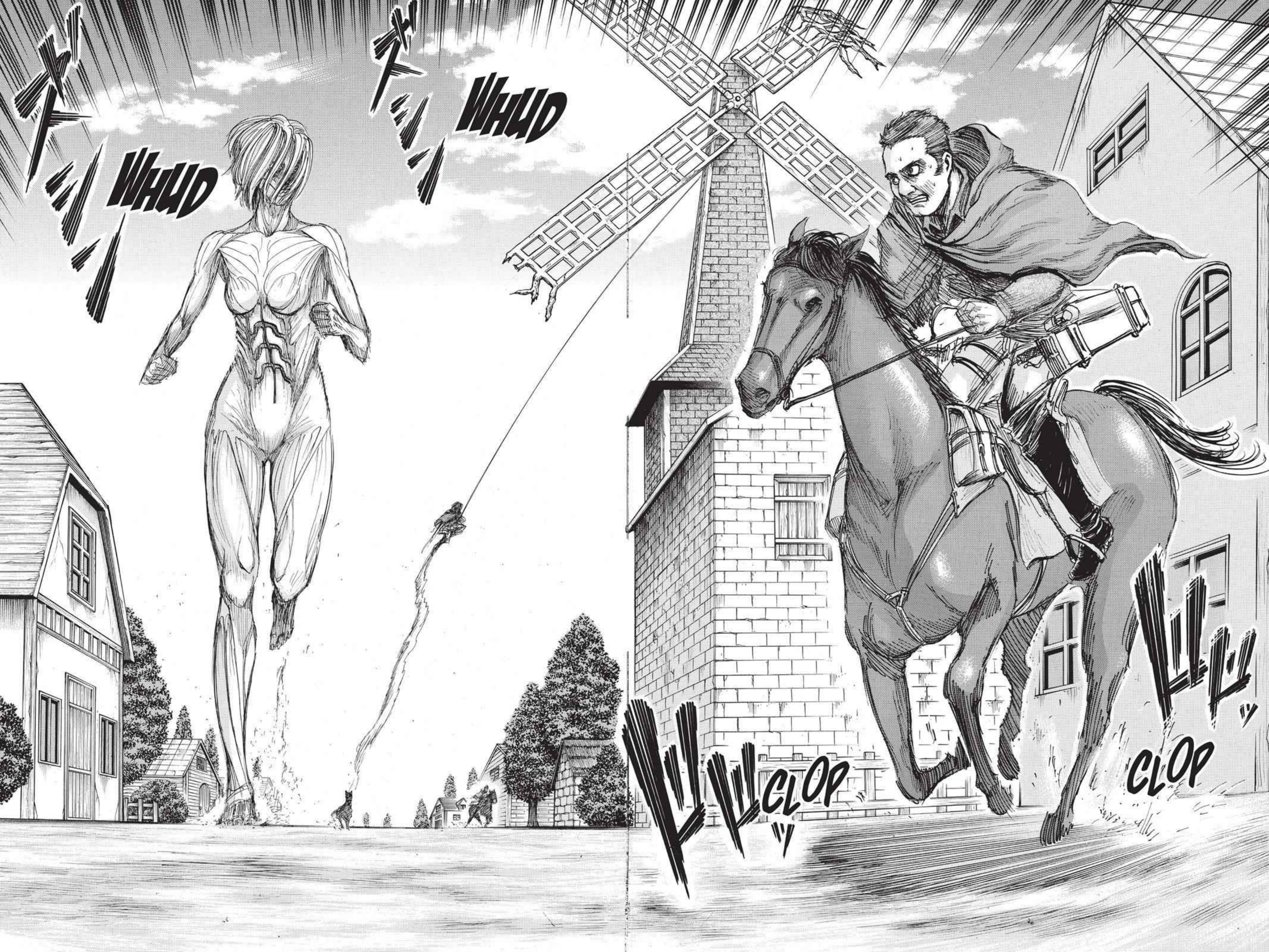


IT
FEELS
LIKE
EVERY-
THING IS
GOING
SMOOTHLY
AT THE
MOMENT...









FWWOOOOO



CLOP CLOP CLOP





OVER
HERE!



YOU...



...SOZUSHI!



THUMP











SEEMS LIKE THIS ONE'S A CLEVER AB-NORMAL...

WE'RE ATTACKING FROM THREE PLACES AT ONCE...

...BUT NO WAY CAN IT DEFEND AGAINST ALL OF US!

CLOP CLOP CLOP

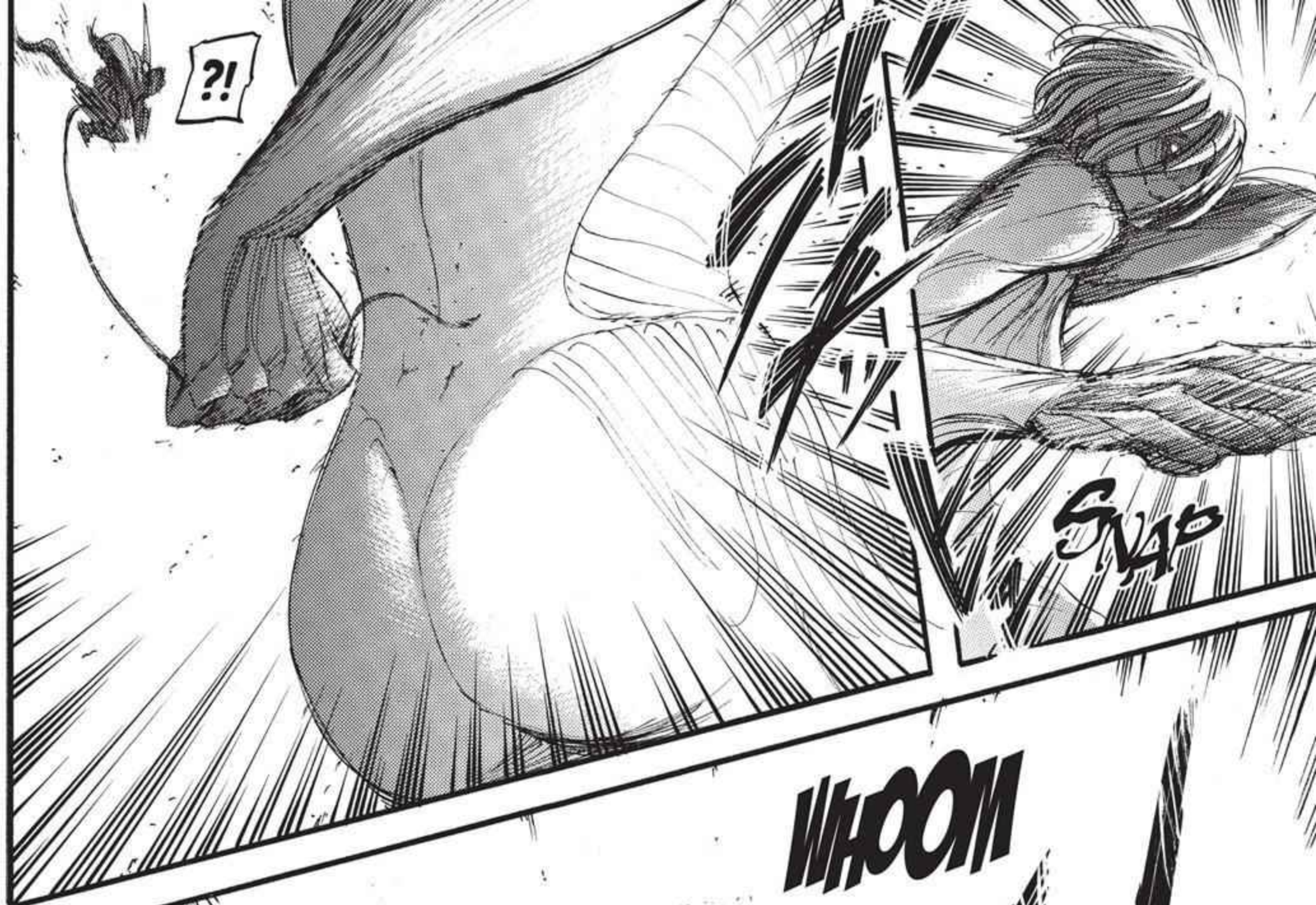


YOU KILLED MY COMRADES, MONSTER!

IF WE CAN CUT ANY OF THE TENDONS ALONG ITS SPINE, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK.

SO WE'RE GONNA KILL YOU BIT BY BIT!

WHIZZZ







BOOM

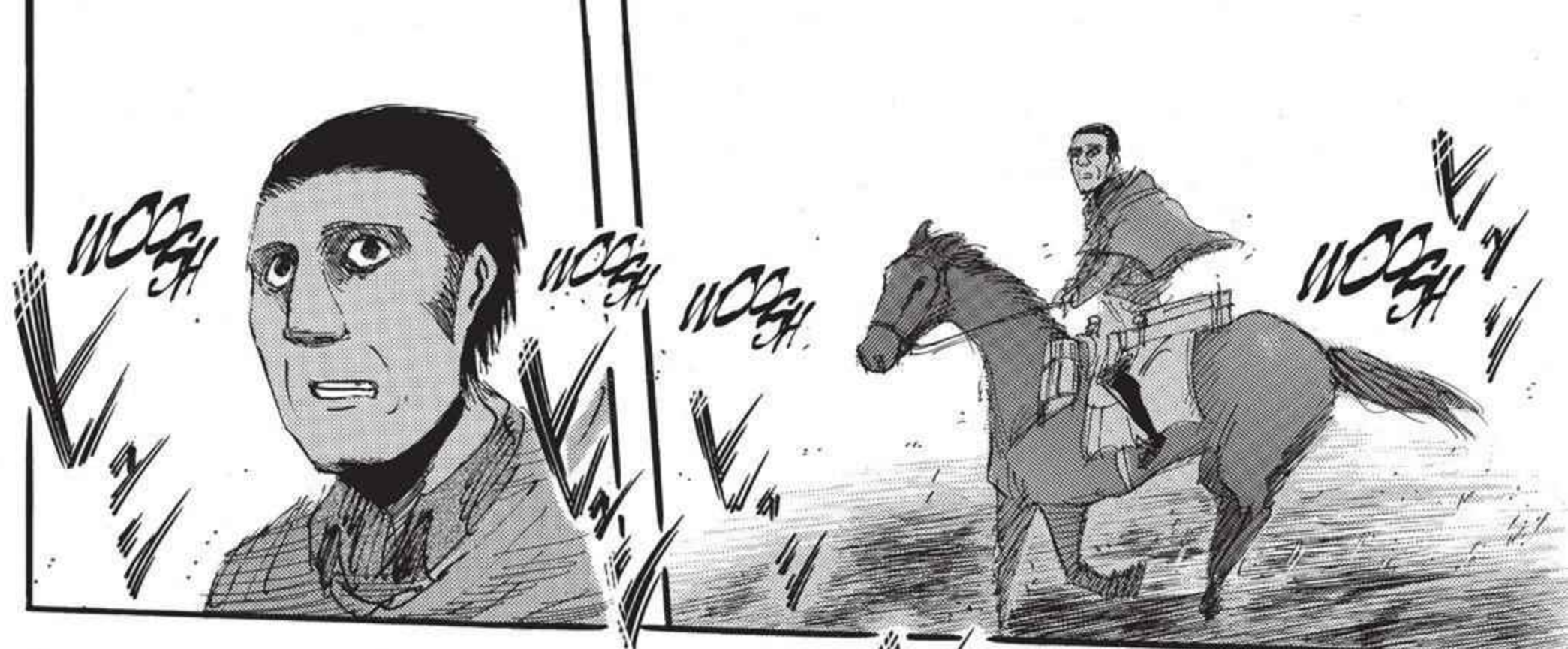


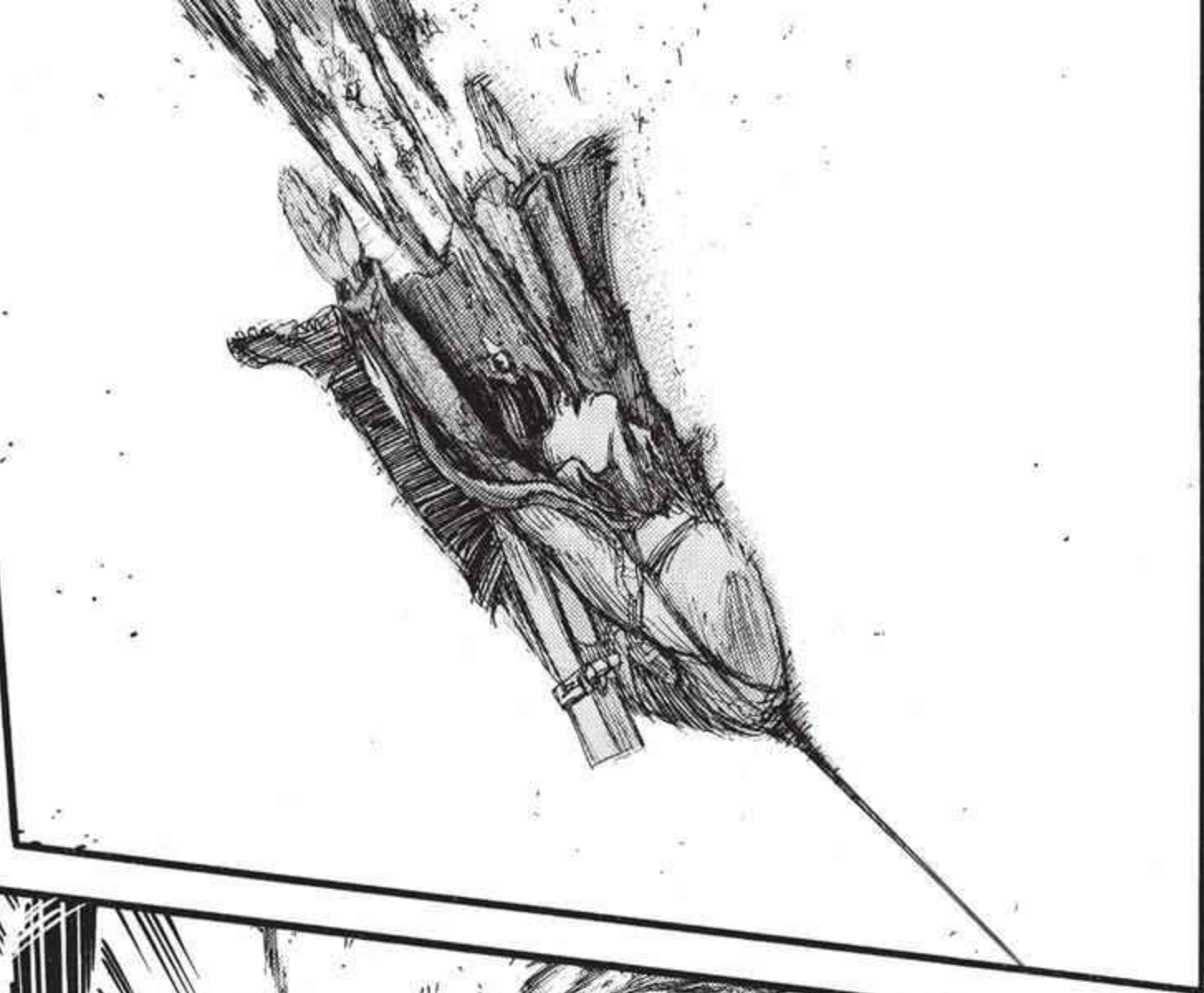
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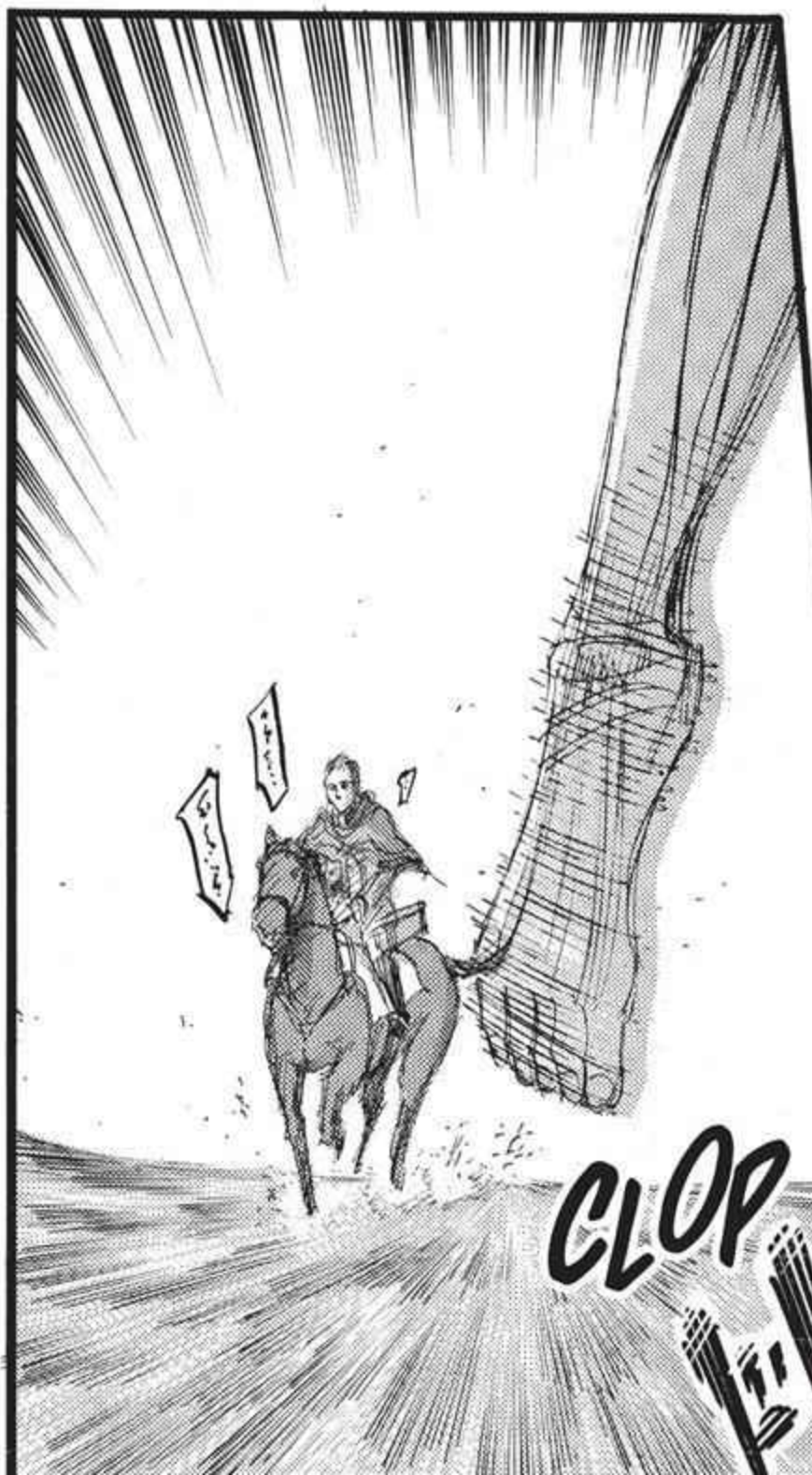
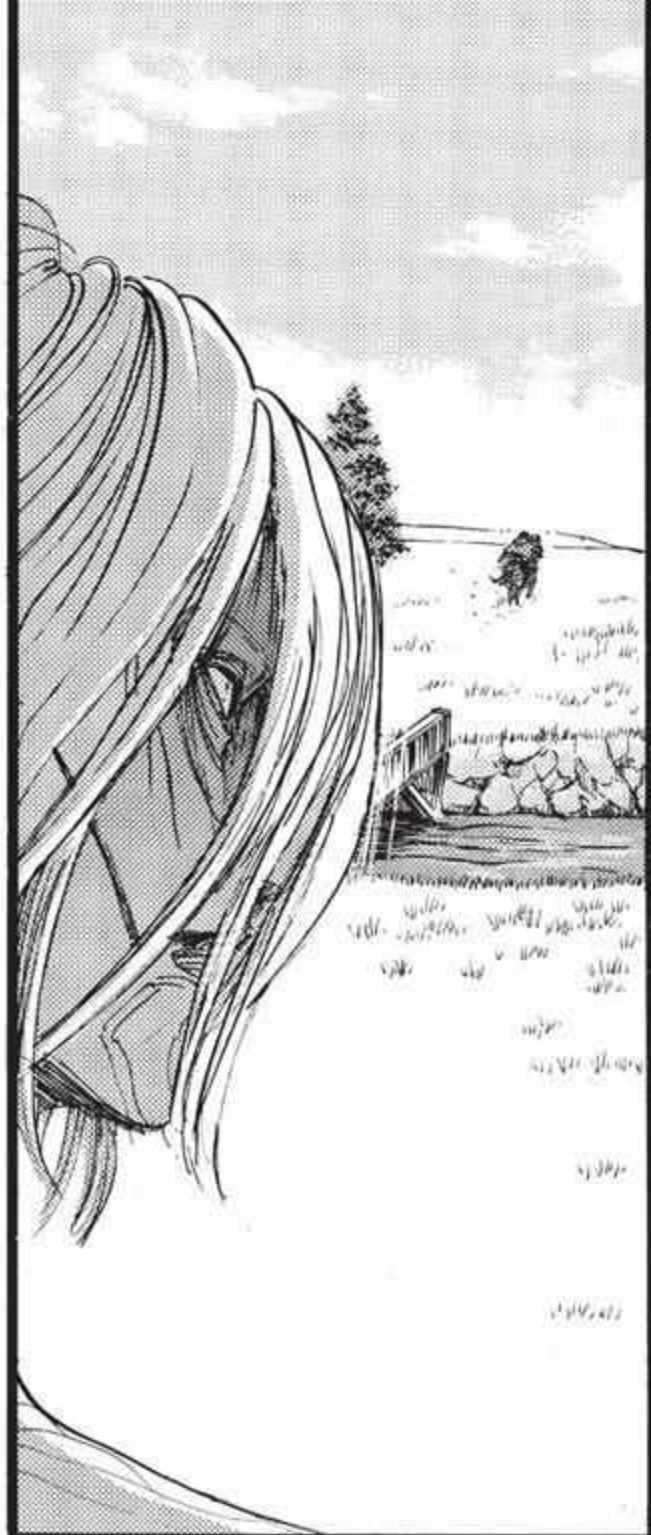
WHIZZ

U-PA!













THIS
FAR
IN?!

AN
AB-
NOR-
MAL
?!



ooooo



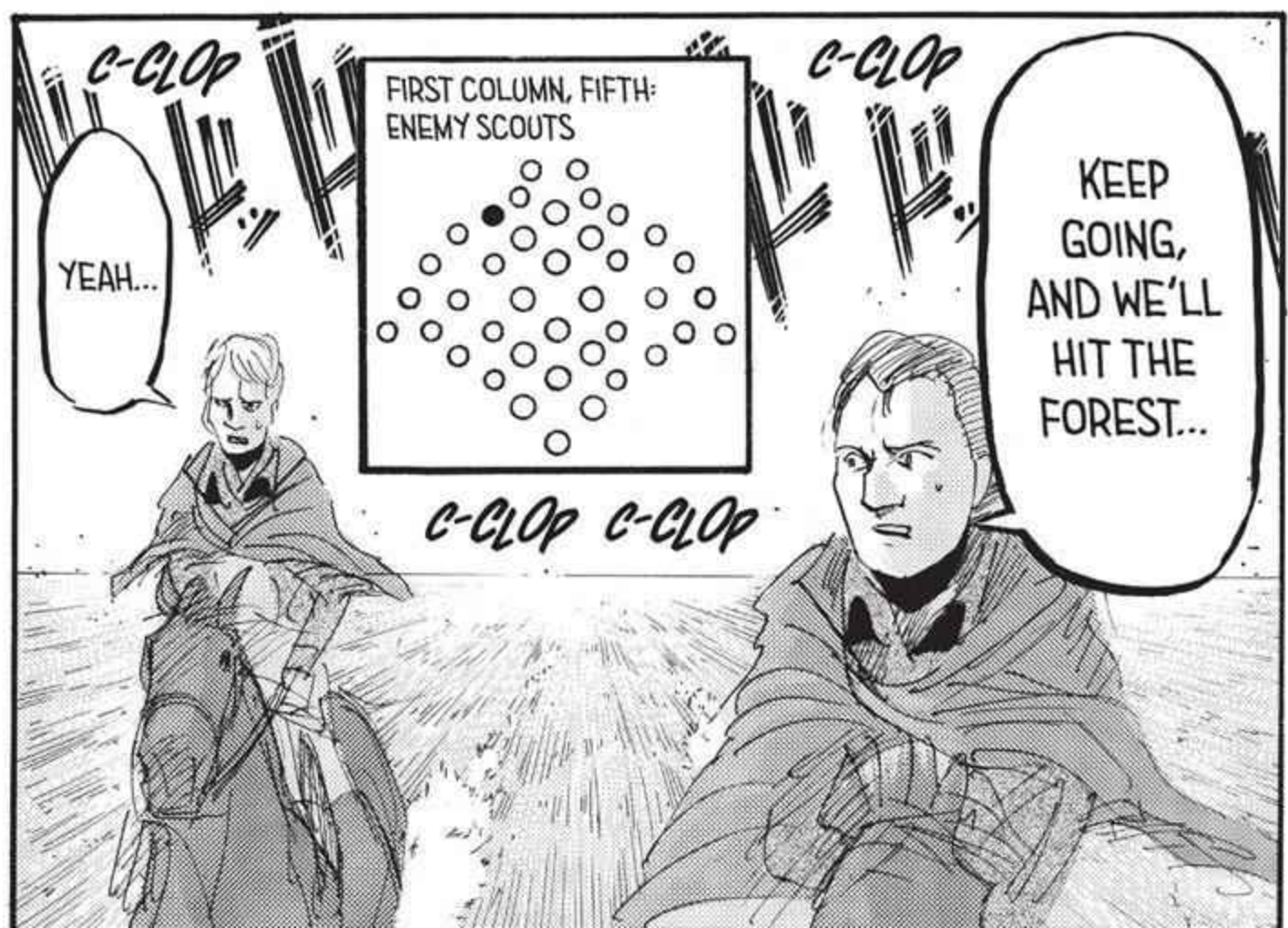
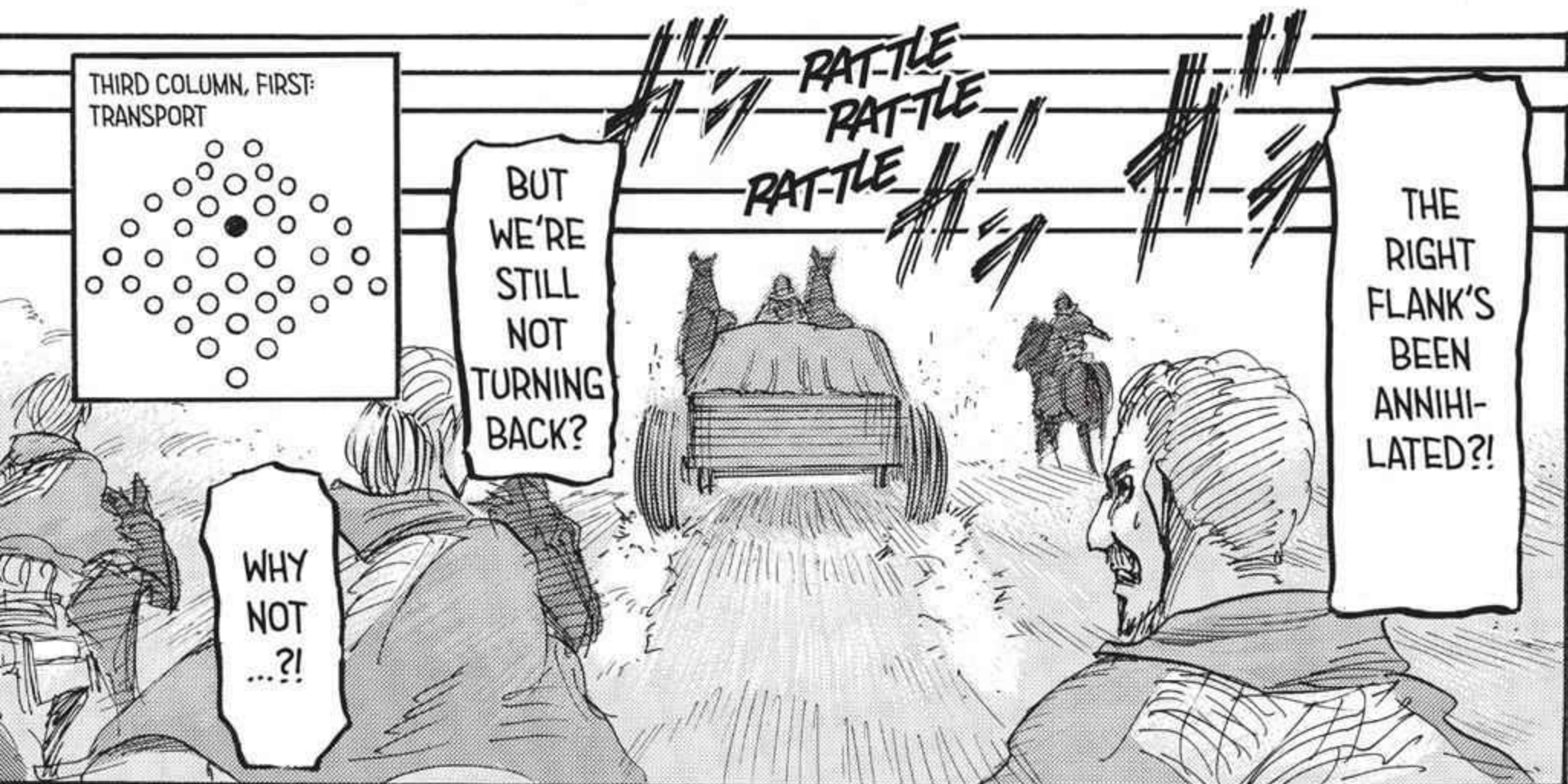
ooooo

DON'T
LET IT
GET ANY
FARTHER
!!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

WE'LL
STOP
IT!!





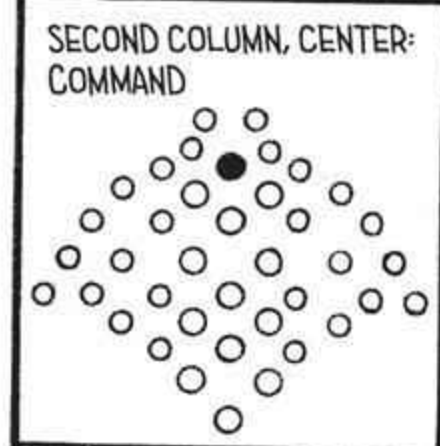


THE
TITAN
FOREST...



OUR
WAGONS
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
GET
THROUGH,
TOO.

THERE'S
NO
VEGETATION
GROWING
ON THE
PATH...



TITANS
FREQUENT
THIS
AREA...





RELAY
THIS TO
THE
REAR:

"ONLY THE
CENTRAL
COLUMN WAGON
ESCORTS ARE
TO ENTER THE
FOREST."

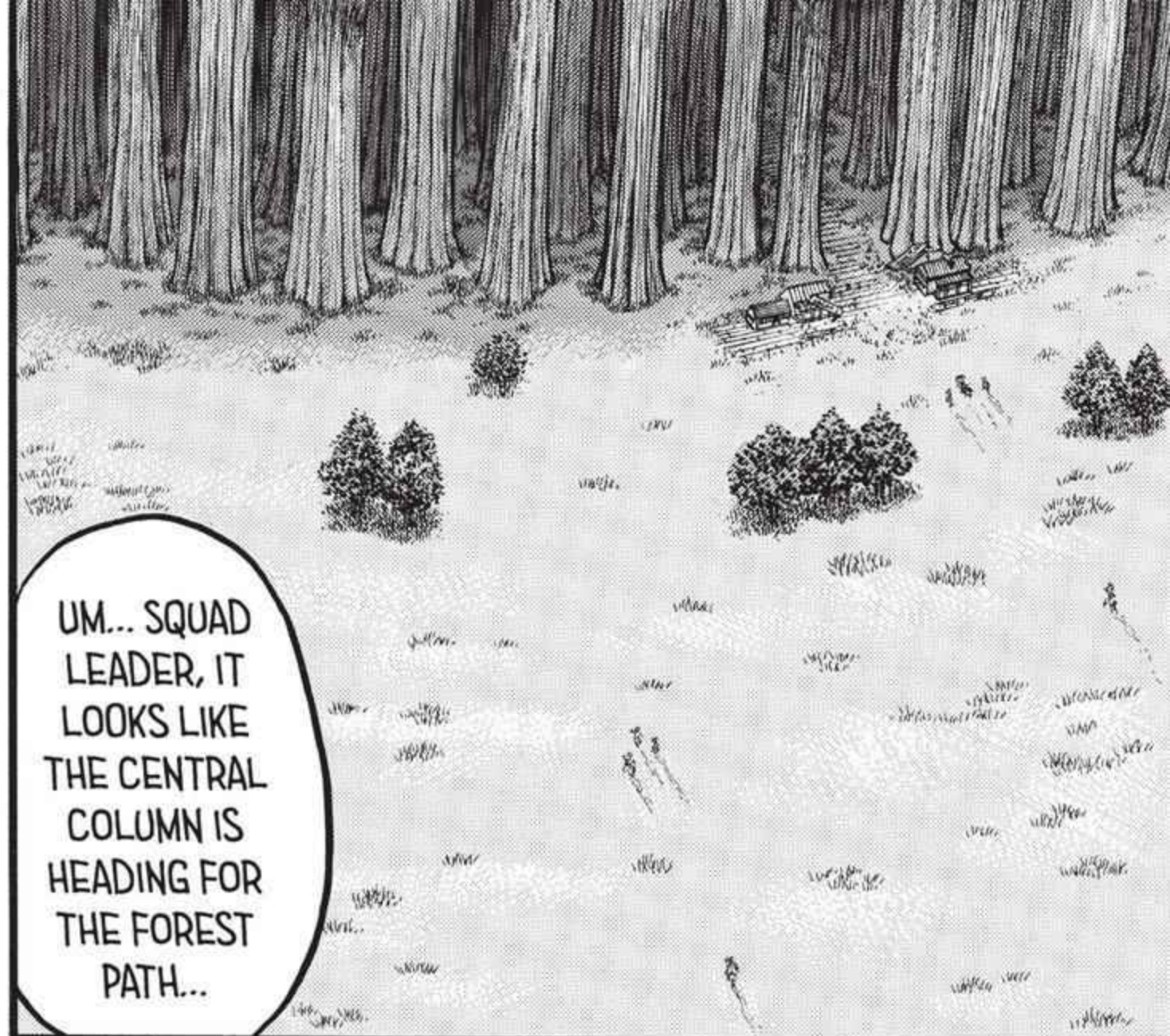
C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

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IF WE
KEEP
GOING,
WE'LL HIT
THE
FOREST,
TOO.



UM... SQUAD
LEADER, IT
LOOKS LIKE
THE CENTRAL
COLUMN IS
HEADING FOR
THE FOREST
PATH...



YES,
SIR
...!

?!
C-CLOP
C-CLOP
C-CLOP

WE'RE
GOING
AROUND
IT.



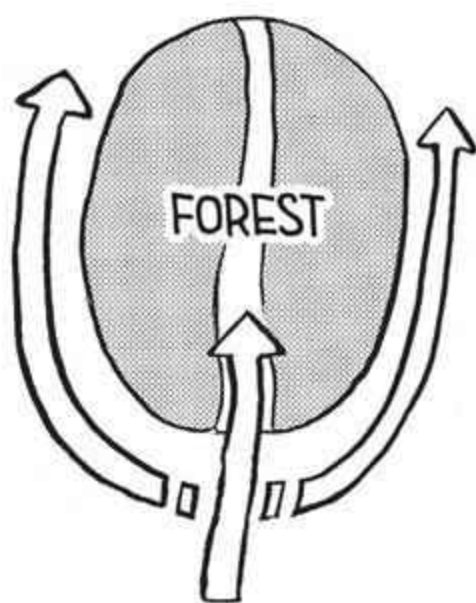
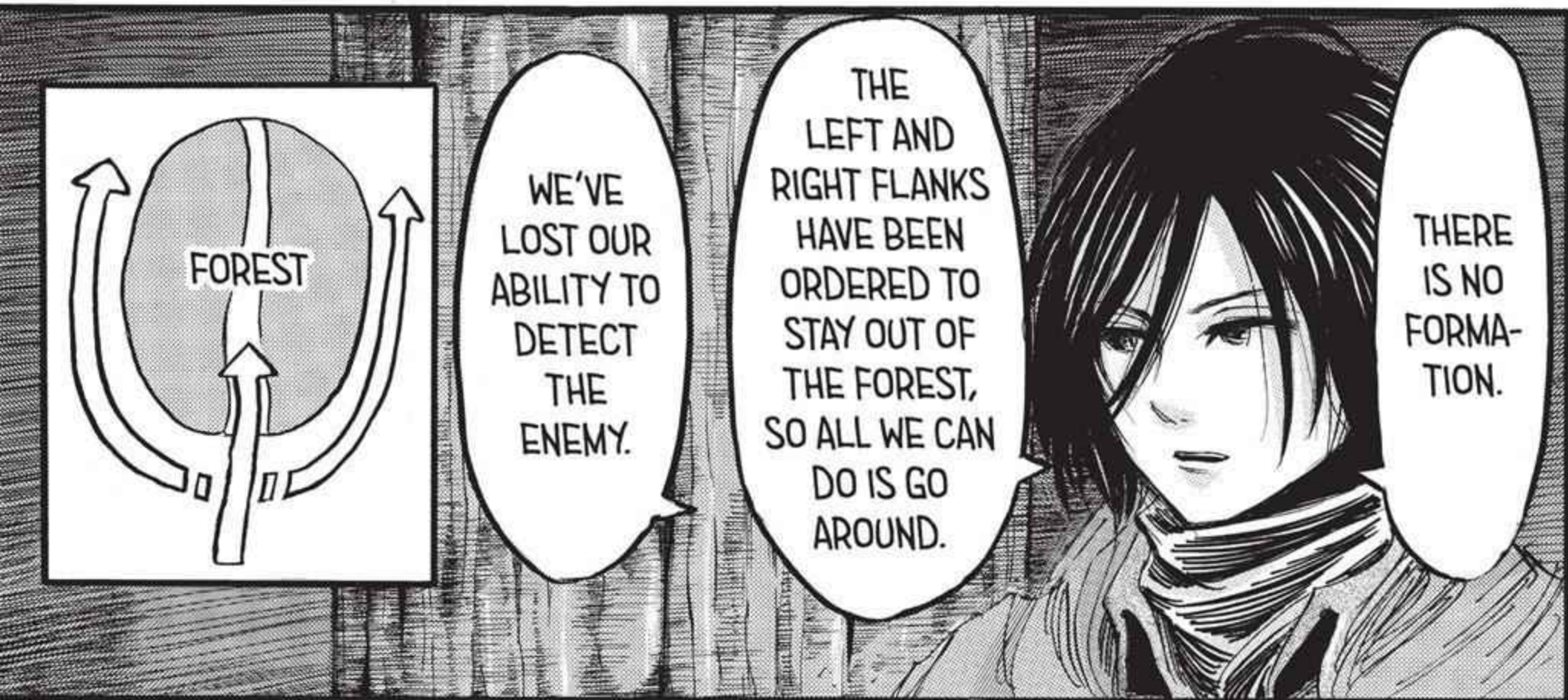
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WHAT
HAPPENS
TO THE
FORMATION
NOW?

LOOKS
LIKE ONLY
THE CENTRAL
COLUMN WENT
INTO THE
FOREST.

HEY...
HEY...



WE'VE
LOST OUR
ABILITY TO
DETECT
THE
ENEMY.

THE
LEFT AND
RIGHT FLANKS
HAVE BEEN
ORDERED TO
STAY OUT OF
THE FOREST,
SO ALL WE CAN
DO IS GO
AROUND.

THERE
IS NO
FORMA-
TION.



DID
COMMANDER
ERWIN READ
THE MAP
WRONG?

WHY DIDN'T
WE CHANGE
COURSE AND
AVOID THE
FOREST?



IT'S POSSIBLE WE
WERE PUSHED IN THIS
DIRECTION TRYING TO
AVOID THE TITAN
THREAT ON OUR RIGHT
FLANK... PERHAPS.

...I
DON'T
KNOW.

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP

...WHAT
?

CAPTAIN
LEVI!!

CAPTAIN
!!



SIR, HOW
ARE WE
SUPPOSED
TO AVOID
THE TITANS
AND
PROTECT
THE
WAGONS?

WITH JUST
THE CENTRAL
COLUMN HERE,
WE CAN'T DETECT
APPROACHING
TITANS!

"WHAT"?!
SIR,
WE'RE IN
THE
FOREST!

AND SOME-
THING'S
COMING ON
OUR RIGHT
FLANK...



LOOK
AROUND
YOU.

WH-
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
...?!



OF
COURSE
WE CAN'T
DO ANY OF
THAT...

HUH
?!

STOP
WHINING
ABOUT THE
OBVIOUS.



...ARE THE
PERFECT
ENVIRONMENT
FOR VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
GEAR.

THESE
OVERGROWN
TREES...



THINK
HARD.
YOUR LIFE
DEPENDS
ON IT.

USE THE
MODEST
INTELLECT
YOU DO
POSSESS.

NOW
THINK.



I BET
THEY
LEARNED
HOW TO
FIGHT THE
SAME
WAY...



I GUESS HE
WON'T JUST
GIVE ME THE
ANSWER
BECAUSE I
NEED TO
LEARN ON MY
OWN...

I SEE...
I'M STILL A
RAW RECRUIT,
SO I HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE TO
PROCESS THE
SITUATION.

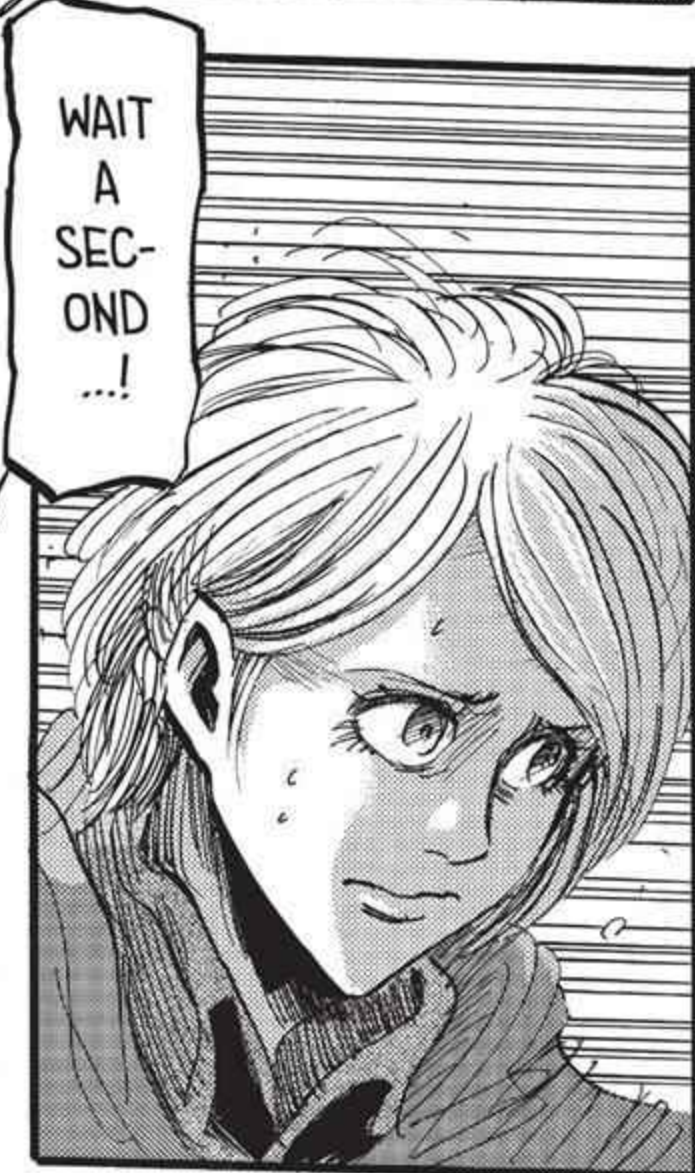




NO ONE
GETS
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE...?



DON'T
TELL
ME...
**NO
ONE**
KNOWS
...?



WAIT
A
SEC-
OND
...!



MAYBE
NOT EVEN
CAPTAIN
LEVI
KNOWS...



IT
CAME
FROM
RIGHT
BEHIND
US!!

W-WHAT
WAS
THAT
NOISE
...?!



ALL
OF YOU...
PEOPLE...

WAS
IT THAT
THING ON
THE RIGHT
FLANK...?



DRAW
YOUR
SWORDS.



IF
THAT THING
APPEARS, IT
WILL ALL BE
OVER...

....IN A
FLASH.



WHOOM

WHOOM

V

Current Publicly Available Information

12. The Titan Forest



THERE ARE FORESTS OF GIANT TREES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALL. THEY GROW WILD ALONG THE BORDER OF ONE DISTRICT, AVERAGING A HEIGHT OF OVER 80 METERS. * NO ONE KNOWS WHY TREES OF THIS SIZE EXIST, BUT SOME HAVE PROPOSED THE NATURE OF THE SOIL AS THE CAUSE. BEFORE THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, PEOPLE MAINTAINED THE FOREST AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION. WITHOUT HUMAN INTERCESSION IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE AREA HAS FALLEN INTO RUIN, WITH THE FOREST PATH MOSTLY SWALLOWED UP BY WEEDS AND TREES, ALTHOUGH PARTS OF THE PATH REMAIN INTACT FROM THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE TITANS THROUGH THE WOODS. THE FOREST HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE SURVEY CORPS, USED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE TITANS WHILE ON EXPEDITIONS OUTSIDE THE WALL. (WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA.)

* ABOUT 260 FEET.